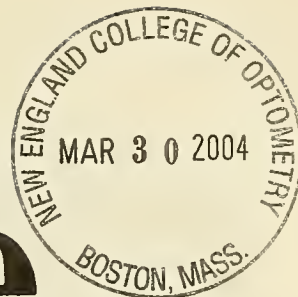




The
NEW ENGLAND
COLLEGE of OPTOMETRY



Perspective

Vol. 6, No. 8, 1984

A Publication of The New England College of Optometry and its Alumni Association



THE ISRAEL CONNECTION
Our Rotation in Jerusalem – p. 4

NEWENCO Calling! p. 8

NOT FOR CIRCULATION

COMMENCEMENT 1984

Ninety-One New O.D.'s Graduate NEWENCO



"A toast: to us, to our families and to the future of optometry." These words were spoken by Max Harris Engelman, class president, as he and the rest of the class raised their champagne glasses just prior to the graduation ceremonies on Sunday, March 4, 1984, in John Hancock Hall.

It was a day of anticipation and fulfillment, of excitement and rewards. Parents beamed proudly as they snapped photos of their offspring. Toddlers waved gleefully to the audience, while grandparents sat stoically throughout the ceremony clutching bouquets of flowers to be presented afterwards.

After the graduates marched into the hall to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance," the program officially began. Receiving the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters was Vesta Roy, the first woman to be elected President of the New Hampshire State Senate, who urged the graduates in her acceptance speech to "become politically aware...act as watchdogs and advocates for optometry." William Carmichael, retiring superintendent of the Cotting School for the Handicapped in Boston, accepted the same honor. Timothy Q Kime, the charismatic president of the AOA, was

continued page 15



(left to right) Dr. F. Dow Smith, President of NEWENCO; Timothy Kime, O.D.; Vesta Roy; William Carmichael, Dr. G. Burt Holmes, NEWENCO Board of Trustees.

Perspective is a publication of the New England College of Optometry and its Alumni Association.

Dr. F. Dow Smith, President, NEWENCO

David Vito, O.D. ('73), President, Alumni Association

Neil I. Schram, O.D. ('71), Vice President, Alumni Association

Morris Berman, O.D. ('30), Executive Secretary, Alumni Association

Materials submitted for print should be directed to: Eileen Roche, Editor, NEWENCO, 424 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02115. Information regarding alumni activities should be sent to Dr. Morris Berman at the same address.



Timothy Kime, O.D., President of the American Optometric Association, gives the commencement speech.



Kevin King, the Valedictorian, speaking to his fellow graduates and their guests.

"OPTOMETRY DAY" AT THE STATE HOUSE

"Magnificent!" was the way that Dr. Dan Kurtz characterized "Optometry Day," cosponsored by NEWENCO and by the Mass. Society of Optometrists and its Auxiliary, held on Wednesday, March 7 at the State House on Beacon Hill. Over 450 people participated in free vision screenings which included tests and exhibits for visual acuity, field of vision, glaucoma, visual skills, color perception, eye health and fundus photography.

Dr. F. Dow Smith, who was present throughout the day, expressed similar enthusiasm. He commented that he had received numerous complimentary remarks about the very fine and professional impression made by the College's faculty and students.

Participants signed up, were treated to refreshments, and were escorted through the testing area by students, faculty members and by community optometrists from the MSO. Legislators who dropped by were instructed in the fine points of eye care and earnestly lobbied regarding House Bill 1060 (which would expand the authority of optometrists to use diagnostic eye drops). Among the many lawmakers who visited were Reps. Richard Voke and Elizabeth Metayer, House Chairperson and co-chair, respectively, of the Joint Committee on Health Care. Senator Edward
continued on page 15



Among the organizers of the successful "Optometry Day" at the Massachusetts State House: (left to right) Dr. Randy Goldman, Dr. Kathryn Miller, Dr. Catherine Hines, Dr. F. Dow Smith.



Student Tom Arnista chats with Rep. Monty on "Optometry Day" while Ray Whetstone, O.D. III, talks with Dr. Kathryn Miller.

PILDES FAMILY ENDOW SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Michael I. Pildes of the Nassau Lens Co. of New Jersey presented a check to NEWENCO for the endowed Harry and Sara Pildes Scholarship at a reception held in November of 1983. Michael and his brother Dan Pildes are both graduates of NEWENCO, in 1960 and 1968 respectively.

This endowed scholarship will perpetuate the honor of Mr. and Mrs. Pildes by serving as a vehicle to assist students of optometry at the New England College of Optometry. It will be appropriately invested as to assure its self-perpetuation with income from the corpus to be used to fund the scholarship.

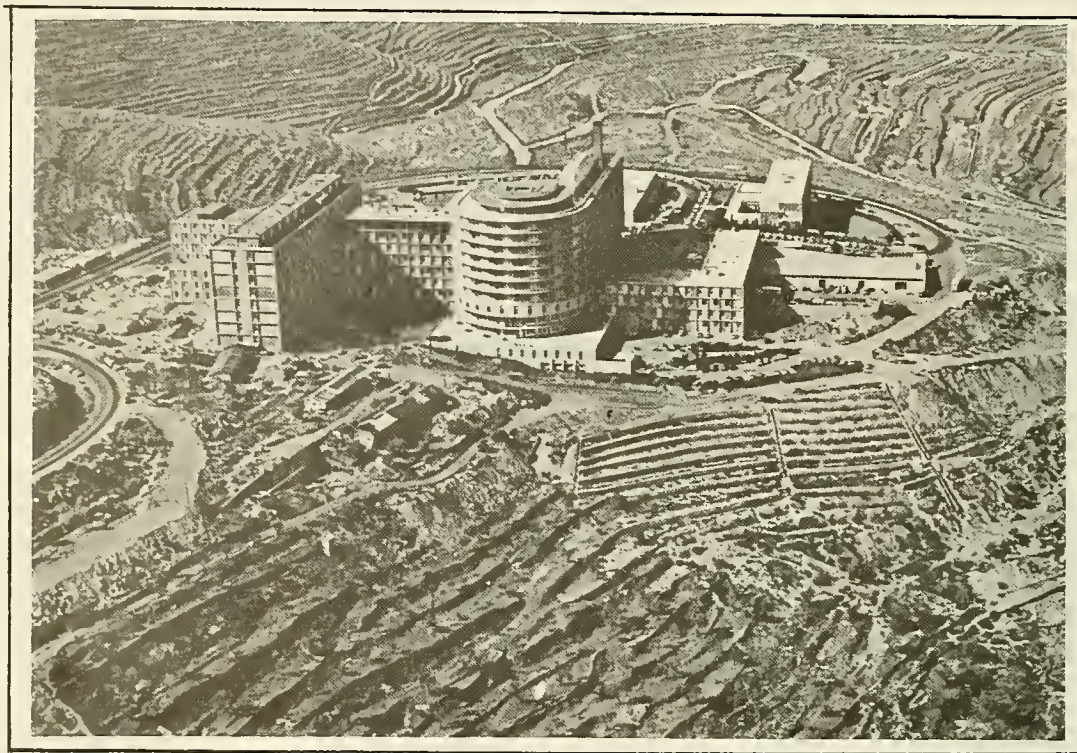
The scholarship will be available to students with a proven need, who have demonstrated academic ability with the potential to contribute to the profession of optometry.



Mrs. Sara Pildes and her son Dr. Michael Pildes '60 present a check for \$10,000 to Dr. Hyman Kamens to establish the Harry and Sara Pildes Scholarship Fund at NEWENCO.

THE ISRAEL CONNECTION

Our Rotation in Jerusalem



Hadassah University Hospital in Jerusalem, Israel, site of the Strauss Clinic rotation for NEWENCO students.

On a congested, busy street in the heart of Jerusalem is a doorway marked with a wrought iron gate. The sign above reads "Strauss Clinic," and it's a place where countless residents of Jerusalem and outlying areas receive eye care services.

A short bus ride away, on the outskirts of the city, is the large, imposing Hadassah Hospital. Perched on a mountain and rising high above the surrounding area, this complex is as much a teaching facility as a patient care center.

The contrast between these two sites exists in almost every dimension—location, atmosphere, size, you name it. Yet to fourth year students at NEWENCO who are chosen for this clinical rotation, the two centers join to become a unique twelve week educational, teaching, and cultural experience.

NEWENCO has been sending students to the Jerusalem rotation since 1974. The need for optometric services in Israel, and the support of the College Board member and former chairman Maurice Saval, enabled the rotation to become an ongoing and rewarding experience for NEWENCO students. Over the years, around sixty students have made their way to Jerusalem for the

Hadassah/Strauss rotation.

The Strauss Clinic is a typical urban vision clinic. While general optometric procedures are offered, its mainstay is its contact lens, pediatric and low vision services. Student clinicians are instructed and observed in the fitting, examination and follow-up of contact lens patients. Keratoconics, aphakes and high myopes of all ages are fit diagnostically. This gives the clinicians exposure to the widest possible spectrum of contact lens patients.

The Hadassah Center offers clinicians a much broader range of experiences. Working with the staff of the Department of Ophthalmology, clinicians become involved in therapeutics, contact lenses, clinical ophthalmology, pediatric optometry, and observing surgical procedures. Hadassah is also a teaching experience for NEWENCO's clinicians. As part of the weekly seminars in refraction given to ophthalmology residents, our students often supplement the lectures by assisting the residents with refraction techniques.

Between these two sites, NEWENCO students on rotation in Jerusalem work six days a week. Students must keep notes on their patients to be used in

preparing a written report prior to leaving. The report must include opinion, tabulated case data, clinical reference and literature search.

The Hadassah rotation is not all work, however. Despite their heavy schedule, students on rotation are expected to use their leisure time to enjoy the scenic and cultural surroundings in Jerusalem. By the end of the twelve-week period, then, the fourth year clinicians have obtained a broad background in all aspects of eye care, as well as exposure to an area rich in history and culture. It's no wonder that the College, and the many students who have had the experience of the Jerusalem rotation, are grateful to those who make the rotation possible: Dr. Albert Sloane, who donated the refraction equipment to Hadassah, optometric directors Arthur Levinson, O.D., and Gene Stollman, O.D., and members of the optometric staff. And, of course, special consideration must be given to Maurice Saval, who has financially and personally supported the development of the rotation and who underwrites the travel, language course and other expenses of those who are selected to enjoy the Strauss/Hadassah experience.

SALLY McLELLAN PROMOTED TO VICE PRESIDENT

Director of Development Sally King McLellan was recently promoted to the post of Vice President for Institutional Advancement, a position which had been unfilled at the College for several years.

In his announcement, Dr. Dow Smith commented on the outstanding job which Sally has done in establishing the College's Development Office on a fully professional and effective level. Our Annual Fund now ranks very near the top among over fifty reporting graduate professional institutions in the percentage of alumni who contribute, as well as in the size of the average individual gift. The Development Office is also responsible for working with College personnel in seeking grants from private foundations.

Sally is well recognized in her profession through her active participation in CASE (Council for the Advancement and Support of Education) and has been selected Operations Chairperson for the 1985 Conference for CASE District One, which serves membership in the Northeast U.S. and Canada. At the Annual Meeting this year, she was nominated to the CASE District One Execu-

tive Board and was appointed Chairperson of the Site Committee of the 1986 Conference. She is also a member of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, through which she became a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) in the Fall of 1982.

A lifelong resident of Newton, Sally was educated in the local public schools and after completing a rigorous business curriculum in high school ("where we even learned how to read the stock pages!" she recalls), she was employed by the Chancery Office of the Archdiocese of Boston under then-Archbishop Richard Cushing. After three years she left to get married to Richard McLellan (with whom she is celebrating her thirtieth wedding anniversary this year). To help support her husband while he was attending school, Sally went back to work to help organize a pilot project for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the Division of Legal Medicine of the Department of Mental Health. This project resulted in the first court clinic in the state to provide psychiatric care for prisoners. She took some time off during the next



Sally McLellan, newly appointed Vice President for Institutional Advancement at NEWENCO.

few years to give birth to and care for her two children, Rick and Patricia.

continued on page 15

WOODY BROWN CLINIC DEDICATED To Provide Service to Hearing-Impaired

The Woody Brown Clinic, the patient care component of the Vision Institute for the Hearing Impaired, was formally dedicated on November 13, 1983. It is a unique clinic established to provide a wide range of vision services to the hearing-impaired community, which may have otherwise been inaccessible to them. Located at the NEWENCO Specialty Clinics on Beacon Street, it is partially supported by the Lions Clubs of District 33K in memory of their late Past District Governor, Woodrow W. Brown. "Woody" Brown, as his friends knew him, was a strong advocate in support of the Lions' work in eye research and vision care. He served as a member of the corporation of the New England College of Optometry. As the father of two hearing-impaired children, he had a special understanding of the needs of the deaf.

The clinic's first director, Dr. Andrew D. Baker, profoundly deaf since birth, is a graduate of the New England College of Optometry and the National



Dr. Andy Baker, director of the Woody Brown Clinic, speaks to the crowd at the dedication ceremonies in the rotunda of Namias Hall.

Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester, NY. The clinic idea was conceived by Dr. Baker while still a student in the College, and by Associate Professor Frank Thorn of the faculty, who has many connections with the hearing-impaired. Dr. Joseph Bickford,

an active Lion and member of the College's Board of Trustees, worked with the College administration and with Drs. Baker and Thorn in developing support for the clinic program.

Over 500 people attended the formal

continued on page 11

Alumni Notes



Bruce Bunker, '79, was featured in an article in the winter, 1983. Lahey Clinic News magazine. Bunker, who is a staff optometrist there, shared information with the readers about contact lenses.

* * *

Maxwell Kaye, '33, was awarded the Dr. Manny Nurock Award by the New Jersey Optometric Association and was also chosen "Man of the Year" by the Lions Eye/Ear Mobile Foundation of New Jersey.

* * *

Karren Reese, '78, recently announced the opening of an optometric practice at Brookland Optical, 3616-12th St., N.E., in Washington, D.C.

* * *

Egon Werthamer, '50, a member of the AOA Board of Trustees, received a Master of Science degree this past January from Towson State University in Baltimore County. He graduated with honors with a degree in community and school health education and a minor in business administration. Werthamer has been a visiting instructor at Towson State, a part of the University of Maryland system, and the Johns Hopkins University.

* * *

Massachusetts optometrist **Ludwick Benedetti**, an avid skier and certified ski instructor, authored an article "An Eye

Toward Winter." The article discussed the use of contact lenses, anti-fog compound, properly fitted glasses, sun tints and their relationship to inhibiting frost bite and fogged lenses. The article appeared in the October 1982 issue of Cross Country Skier Magazine.

* * *

Susan Haesaert, '82 and **Eliezer Peli**, '83, have joined the staff of the Department of Ophthalmology of the New England Medical Center. Peli is the newly appointed Director of the Low Vision Service, and Haesaert has been named Director of the Contact Lens Service.

* * *

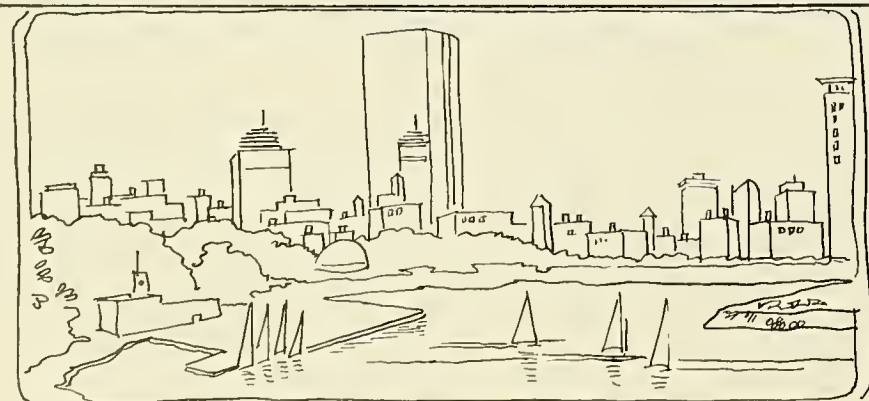
Dr. David Momnie '74 and his wife Regina are the proud parents of a new daughter, Alyssa Claire, who joins her sister, Laura, who is two years old. Congratulations to the Momnie family.

* * *

Drs. Thomas and Janice Freddo, both graduates from '76, became new parents last July with the birth of their son, Matthew Thomas.

* * *

Dr. John Pulaski '80 and his wife Karen, added a new member to their family: daughter Cara Elizabeth, who joins her brother, Jay.



Inside NEWENCO

Dr. J. David Higgins, '74, recently left the College after nine years of teaching. He'll be devoting his energies to his practice in Maine.

* * *

Dr. Arnold Katz appeared with Governor Dukakis on the Channel 5 "Chronicle" show on June 16. Dr. Katz had accompanied Al Landry, a long distance runner, on the last 6½ mile leg of a 4 month, 3100 mile run from Baton Rouge to Boston. The run was sponsored by Lions International to raise funds for the Lions "Journey to Sight" program.

* * *

Dr. Celia Hinrichs has joined the Board of Trustees of the Boston Center for Blind Children. Her selection followed her work in developing vision programs for the children at the Center.

* * *

Drs. Rich Laudon and Celia Hinrichs were videotaped while presenting a workshop to a group of teachers of the visually impaired from Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The tape, entitled "What's All This About Vision Therapy?" will be stored in the Vision Resources Library at the Central Massachusetts Regional Education Center and circulated to teachers who cannot make other seminars.

* * *

The incoming Class of '87 totals 85 members, 51 males and 34 females. Forty-two were from New England, 13 from New York State, and the remaining 30 from 21 other states.

* * *

Faculty member and NEWENCO graduate Dr. Eileen "Yi" McGill gave birth to a baby girl, Kelly McGill Tartaglia, on March 2. Kelly came into the world at 3:54 p.m., measuring 19½ inches long and weighing in at 6 lb. 4 oz.

A POSITIVE OPTOMETRIC APPROACH TO VISION THERAPY

Vision Therapy and the "Lazy" Eye



When an eleven year old boy is told that he will never be able to play baseball because he can't see to catch the ball, it can be devastating. And when that information follows 6 years of eye patching and glasses it can make some people give up. Fortunately this boy, David, got angry instead. His anger and frustration were shared by his parents who decided that there had to be someone who could help.

The search led them to the Specialty Clinic at The New England College of Optometry, 422 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts and to Dr. Celia Hinrichs. After a very thorough examination by an intern at the college and by Dr. Hindrichs, it was determined that vision training could help David, an eccentric fixator. He, like at least 6% of the American population, is amblyopic, he suffers from a "lazy" eye. A lay person can sometimes spot this problem by watching for independent movement of one eye while a person is looking at you.

A schedule of treatments was set up and David began six months of therapy. For the first month he went twice a week, then only once a week. The cost was quite modest. Each time David went there was an eye exam to check his present status and then he was shown how to do eye exercises which could be his "homework." Some exercises couldn't be done at home because they used special machines so they were done at the clinic. When David was home he worked on doing increasingly smaller mazes while wearing special glasses which had red and green lenses or

polarized lenses. He also wore a patch over his good eye for a month to make the "lazy" eye work. His mother was allowed to watch the sessions, which helped to avoid misunderstandings during daily home exercises. Having a parent involved helped David to maintain a good attitude and to follow through on his "homework."

Some of the exercises involved watching a TV which had a red plastic taped to it while he wore his red/green glasses, there was a wall chart with varying sized letters on it and he had to back up as far as he could go and try to pick out different letters. There were lenses which were put in front of blocks of letters that he had to read. Another part of therapy involved the red/green glasses and sliding red/green circles which trained David's eyes to focus at different places, first close up and then at a distance. Persistence was the way to obtain as much improvement as possible. Persistence and time. Bifocal glasses were prescribed to help his eyes work together. At the end of therapy David would only be wearing them for reading and TV.

It was frustrating and time consuming work. For the first two days after each clinic visit the frustration level was very high and then suddenly on the third day there was a marked improvement. When this pattern had occurred for three weeks in a row it became easier to get through the following weeks of therapy.

After a month of patching and training the headaches which had plagued David every day for months were gone. Within

3 months of the start of training, 1/2 hour of homework only took 1/2 hour, instead of the 3 to 4 hours it had taken before. By the end of three months David was catching a soccer ball and a month later he could accurately throw and catch a baseball. At the end of the 6 months of training when he was told that his vision tested at 20/20 for his good eye and 20/30 for the "lazy" eye (a definite improvement over the previous 20/50), he has binocular vision—the eyes work together—and there is some depth perception. He knew that all the hard work had been well worth it. The psychological changes which went along with the improved vision were remarkable. He was more confident. He had succeeded where he had been told success was impossible.

Six months after the end of therapy, and two check-ups later, his vision is being maintained. One more check-up in six months should bring the trips to Boston to an end.

When David reached out and grabbed a set of keys that his father threw to him without warning the other day, we all smiled and were grateful for the Optometrists who made it all possible. Vision therapy works!

reprinted from "The Eye Catcher," a publication of the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund, Inc.



Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2011 with funding from
Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Institute of Museum and Library Services



George Montminy '69 with Foster Namias '32 in background.



Sally McLellan adds up the totals.



Len Contardo '80 making a pitch.



Montminy and Asarkof - ending with a smile



You know business is good when all the phones are busy.



Ed Walkowiak.

RRRINGGG!!! RRRINGGG!!! Phonothon Keeps the Annual Giving Fund Rolling Along

RRRING!!! RRRING!!! In this photo, Dr. Frank Kozol, this year's Phonothon Chairman, is valiantly attempting to juggle a dozen phones all at once. You can help him out—by calling and volunteering to serve as a member of the Phonothon Committee of the Annual Fund. The accompanying photos show some of the dedicated people who have made the Phonothon successful in the past.

The Phonothon Committee is an important component of the Annual Giving campaign at NEWENCO. These energetic people gather together and spend concentrated time calling alumni and friends of the College throughout the country, soliciting donations. Every effort is made to match the telephone caller with the person who will receive the call.

In this way not only are their efforts fruitful, but they have an opportunity to "catch up" or become reacquainted with old friends from long ago.

The Phonothon Committee is part of the larger group of key campaign workers, a cadre of about fifty individuals located throughout New England and across the USA, who put time and effort into making NEWENCO's Annual Fund drive one of the most successful of its kind. The donor base has been ex-

continued on page 15



David Sislowski - "take your pick!"



Les Brackley '68, last year's chairman.



Debbie Wayne '83.



Paul Montminy '65, Les Brackley '68, Ernie Loewenstein '77 and Jack Asarkof '32.



Hy Kamens '47 - still the old pro.



George Wayne '36 and Art Corvese '81 - the old guard and the new.

COLLEGE LOSES TWO KEY TRUSTEES

Deaths of Hochstadt and O'Leary Mourned

NEWENCO lost two of its long time supporters and key trustees with the deaths in 1983 of Dr. Otto Hochstadt and Dr. Daniel O'Leary.

Dr. Hochstadt, a native of Vienna, graduated from the University of Vienna Medical School in 1932. He left his country for the United States a few years later and obtained his license, specializing in cardiology and internal medicine, in 1940.

The first position Hochstadt held, at what was then the Massachusetts College of Optometry, was a temporary teaching position in physiology and medicine. He became increasingly involved at the School, becoming a member of the Board of Trustees in 1946. Under Dr. Hochstadt's inspiration, the College was ac-

credited by the Council on Education and Professional Guidance and obtained the right to confer the O.D. degree as well as the honorary degrees. Dr. Hochstadt remained an active member of the Board and of its Executives Committee Council until his death.

Despite his many achievements at the College, Hochstadt saw his contribution primarily as a link between the optometric and medical professions. He was a fearless public advocate for optometry during a period of heightened conflict between the profession and organized medicine. Hochstadt successfully attracted medical specialists, including ophthalmologists, to the College's faculty. In 1971, he was the only M.D. to testify at hearings of the Rhode Island

legislature in favor of the use of diagnostic pharmaceutical agents by optometrists, the first such legislation brought before a state legislature.

Along with this unfailing commitment to Optometry, Dr. Hochstadt also carried on his own private practice in cardiology. He was a staff physician at Longwood Hospital, University Hospital, and Parker Hill Medical Center.

Dr. Otto Hochstadt is survived by his wife, Edith, and many loving friends.

Born in Boston, Dr. Daniel O'Leary was the son of the late James J. and Bridget (McVann) O'Leary. He was a graduate of Boston College High School in 1923, and of Boston College, where he earned his masters in 1933, and his Ph.D. in 1936. *continued on page 15*

DORMITORY LIFE AT 418 BEACON STREET

"The convenience is great. I can practically go straight from bed to class."

"Having other students in my class so nearby has helped me tremendously in getting used to the heavy workload."

Such comments are typical of the reactions of the first group of NEWENCO students to live in the College's temporary dormitory at 418 Beacon Street.

The possibility of offering dormitory facilities to NEWENCO students arose quite unexpectedly last Spring. The College had just closed a mortgage on its buildings at 420-426 Beacon Street the previous September (see Perspective, vol. 6, number 7), which placed it in an excellent financial position. Then in November, the building adjacent to the College library came onto the market. The Executive Council of the Board of Trustees recognized this opportunity to obtain additional space, and acted quickly. The College's fiscal strength, and the rapid action of the Board, allowed the College to make the purchase. The closing occurred on May 3, 1984.

Rather than immediately remodeling the building for office or clinical space, it was decided to offset some of the carrying costs by converting the facility to a dormitory. The previous function of the building at 418 Beacon Street, as housing for a group of Jesuit priests, made the conversion possible with a minimum cost or time delay.

Yet time was short to accomplish the rehabilitation and remodeling in time for



students entering in September. That's when a crew of our students, both men and women, aided by a few professional trades people, got to work. Under the direction of Purchasing Agent and Bookstore Manager, Richard Aronowitz, and his assistant second year student, Claire Tramonti Messina, the task was completed in time. The interior was entirely repainted, bathrooms were added in some places and removed from others, carpets were laid, and floors were refinished. The end result was an attractive, comfortable facility that now houses twenty-eight students. "We worked hard to create a sense of community among the

students, and I think we have succeeded," said Aronowitz. It would appear he is right, for at the second house meeting, the residents voluntarily donated funds to purchase plants for the public areas.

According to current plans, the building at 418 Beacon will be use as a dormitory through May of 1985. At that time it will be remodeled as needed according to the master plan for facility utilization currently being prepared by the College's Facilities Planning Committee.

Alumni and friends of the College, especially those interested in Victorian homes, may want to stop by and see the new building when they're in the Boston area.

THE TEN MOST WANTED LIST

Head librarian Eleanor Warner asks alumni to review their collections for any of the editions listed below. These are books that are out of print and no longer available for purchase. If you have the publication and wouldn't mind parting with it, a donation would be appreciated.

A valuation of your donation on which to base a charitable deduction cannot be supplied by the College, since the Internal Revenue Service requires that evaluations be prepared by an independent appraiser. However, the IRS generally does not challenge modest deductions claimed by the donor. A general guideline for your own evaluation is: 25-50% of the purchase price for an up-to-date textbook showing no evidence of use, or \$.25 to \$1.00 for an average used textbook with the owner's name and minor scuffing, but no markings in the text.

1. *International Ophthalmology Clinics*, Vol. 11, #1, 1971. (Refraction, by Aran Safir. Boston: Little, Brown)
2. *International Ophthalmology Clinics*, Vol. 15, #2, 1975. (The Ophthalmologists's Office, by Frank Weinstock. Boston: Little, Brown)
3. *International Ophthalmology Clinics*, Vol. 18, #2, 1978. (Paul Boeder International Symposium on Cataracts, Iowa City, 1975. Boston: Little, Brown) Extra copies needed for class assignments.
4. International Study Group on Visual Disorders and Cerebral Palsy, Oxford, 1962. *Visual Disorders and Cerebral Palsy*, edited by Vernon H. Smith. London: Heineman, 1963.
5. Jeffries, B. Joy. *Color-Blindness: Its Dangers and Its Detection*, rev. &

enl. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1883.

6. Lee, John M. *Neurophysiology of Vision*. Fullerton: Southern California College of Optometry, 1977(?).

7. Links, Arthur. *Physiology of the Eye*: Vol. 1, Optics; Vol. 2, Vision. New York: Grune & Stratton, 1950- (Personal copies desired by a faculty member)

8. Lockwood, Robert M. *Subjective Tests for Difficult Cases: A Practical Treatise for Optometrists...* New York: F. Boger, 1904.

Lyle, Donald J. *Neuro-Ophthalmology*. Springfield, Illinois: C. C. Thomas, 1945. (This edition has an extensive bibliography, not found in later editions)

10. Obrig, Theodore E. *Contact Lenses*, 3rd ed. New York: Obrig Laboratories, 1957.

OPTOMETRIC TECHNICIAN PROGRAM BEGUN

Paraoptometrics in Training

NEWENCO's Technician Program recently acquired a new director, Arnold Katz, O.D., along with new staff support provided by Ms. Barbara Tiemann. The program, in place since 1971 under a consortium agreement with Fisher Jr. College, was expanded in 1981 when the College was extended degree granting authority by the Massachusetts Board of Regents of Higher Education. For the 83-84 academic year, the College is running two programs: a privately funded class of five students, who began classes in September, and a second class, which began in January, funded under the Job Training Program Act (JTPA), which replaces the CETA job retraining program. There are also an additional forty-six students in the In-Office Training Program.

This enrollment, however, is not sufficient to provide technicians to fill all available job openings. In order to more clearly define the market for technicians, the College's Office of Public Relations surveyed optometrists in selected areas of Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Hampshire. Of the doctors who replied to the survey, 39% currently employ technicians, with two being the average number of techs per office. In addition, nine doctors anticipate beginning or adding to their technician staffs over the next six months.

The survey also asked about pay

rates for technicians, based on the number of years of employment. According to the reported salaries, techs just out of school are paid \$4.00-\$4.50 per hour, and after five years of working, most are making between \$5.50 and \$6.50 an hour. The only significant exception to these pay scales was in suburban practices in Massachusetts, where technicians receive generally 50¢ an hour more than their counterparts in other areas. According to Dr. Katz, these wages are non-representative with respect to current job openings, which generally offer \$5.50 an hour—a wage scale comparable to other careers requiring similar amounts of training. As was noted by several doctors, however, wages are only one part of an employment program and benefits should be taken into account by both prospective employees and employers. The design of the survey did not allow for questions about fringe benefits.

Currently in the works regarding the Technician Program is an up-date survey of graduate technicians. At the faculty retreat held in August, the new Director announced that the JTPA program will be continued as long as federal funding is provided, and that he hopes to at least double the enrollment in the privately-funded program. The most serious difficulty with the current program, according to Dr. Katz, is that most of the students are from the Greater Boston area, while

requests for techs come from all over the state of Massachusetts, as well as from other New England states. To help alleviate the problem, Katz is planning a speaking tour of the district societies of the MSO to ask the assistance of optometrists interested in hiring technicians to recruit from their own areas.

If you are interested in hiring a technician or would like some recruitment materials, contact Dr. Arnold Katz at the College.

continued from page 5

opening and reception, which brought together members of the deaf community, College faculty and staff, community optometrists and members of the Lions' Clubs. Speakers at the dedication were Dr. Baker; Dr. F. Dow Smith, president of NEWENCO; Dr. Bickford; and Mr. Cornelius Mahoney, District Governor, Lions' District 33K. A plaque honoring Woody Brown was unveiled, speeches were interpreted into American Sign Language (ASL), and "signers" mingled with the crowd to interpret in individual conversations.

For further information about the clinic, call Dr. Andrew Baker (V/TDD) at 236-4600, or Dr. Frank Thorn (V) at 266-2030, x-135.

A Belated Salute to the Classes of '63 and '73

The last issue of "Perspective" profiled a few members of the classes of '43 and '53. The classes of '63 and '73 also celebrated anniversaries in 1983, so we looked up members of the two classes to find out how they've been keeping busy.

The Class of '63

Joseph Birnbaum lives and maintains his solo practice in Monroe, NY. Joseph, now a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, specializes in low vision and developmental vision. Besides spending time with his wife, Joan, and his three children, he skis, swims, hikes, and enjoys organizing civic and religious functions. Joseph's memories of Boston and the College are of hot summers and good food.

* * *

Milton Schulman acquired an associate in 1975 who was able to take over the practice three years later, so that Milton could retire. Now he and his wife, Rose, spend their winters ice skating and skiing near their home in Seneca Falls, NY, and when the snow and ice become too much, they fly off to the Caribbean. Milton remembers the years at MCO as interesting, with the most influential course being shop work for Mechanical Optics. He advises his classmates and all professionals to "keep the faith" while facing all of today's problems.

* * *

Clifford Simons is part of a three-doctor partnership in Wintonbury Mall in Bloomfield, CT. He, his wife, Judith, and their two teenage children also live in Bloomfield, where Clifford has held office as mayor, as town treasurer, and as a member of the town council. In 1973 he was chosen as the town's "Man of the Year." Clifford remembers the closeness of the class members and the good friends made at MCO. He offers his classmates "Best wishes for a long and healthy life."

* * *

Lawrence Stamm was recently joined in his Rochester, NY practice by his son Joseph, a 1982 graduate of

SUNY College of Optometry Lawrence and Marilyn, his wife, also make their home in Rochester. Their second son, Edward, is a third year law student at the University of Chicago.

* * *



Clifford B. Simons, Class of '63

James Ouellette practices and makes his home in Barre, VT, with his wife, Renee, and his four children, ages 15-22.

* * *

Victor Gallo is not very enthusiastic about the state of his Concord, MA practice, but outside of work, he spends many pleasurable hours gardening, baking bread, and loving his wife, Peggy Ann.

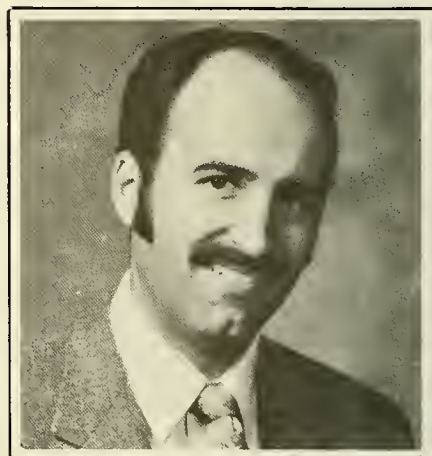
* * *

J. Baxter Swartwout's Latham, NY practice is a three-doctor optometric partnership combined with an interdisciplinary group, Learning Disabilities Associates. His two optometric partners are Stuart Lazarus, '71, and Glen Swartwout, SUNY College of Optometry, the youngest of Baxter's three sons. Baxter is very active in the Optometric Education Program Foundation, serving as Trustee and as Director of the education division. Along with spending time with his wife, Dorothy, he fills his free hours with lecturing, traveling, gardening, reading, and community work.

* * *

Joseph D'Amico, also a fellow of the Academy and a past president of the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists, lives in Holden, MA with his wife, Zabelle, and his two teenage daughters, Julie and Jennifer. His practice, based in Holden, has been extended into Barre, MA, with associate Joseph Colella, '82, and a new partnership with Jim Paltos, '67, has extended the practice into Whitinsville. Joseph's favorite sport is sailing, including racing beetle cat sailboats. He is currently the Commodore of the Lewis Bay Yacht Club.

* * *



Bob Honnors, Class of '63

Bob Honnors runs a very successful solo practice in Salinas, CA that was chosen by the AOA as one of the top 2% practices in California. He edited and helped to write the *Practice Reference Manual* for the California Optometric Association. Bob's lecturing on practice management and on pathology has taken him and his wife, Donna, as far as Johannesburg, South Africa. In 1974, he was chosen as California's "Outstanding Young O.D. of the Year," and in 1976, the town of Salinas named him "Outstanding Young Man of the Year." Bob spends his leisure time snow skiing, playing tennis, traveling, and playing "a little" piano. He reminds classmates of a few classic comments by professors: "You do not know enough to be confused," "Take out a sheet of paper," and "Mishter, you close the door from the outside."

* * *

Jeff Adler lives and works in Brooklyn, where he shares office space with a dentist and a podiatrist. He is the founder and president of Optical Temporaries, Inc., which provides temporary optometric coverage in case of vacation or illness, in addition to serving as a placement service for new graduates. The service is active in five states and is currently expanding to include ten additional states. Jeff enjoys traveling with Arlyne, his wife of eleven years, and his five year old son, Jon. He also can be found on the racquetball courts during his leisure hours. His memories of the College include the "Bear's" lectures ("God bless him!"), jackhammers pounding away outside the Newbury Street school building, and Dean Kamens' great lectures. To his classmates, Jeff asks to keep his service in mind should the need arise.

* * *

Kenneth Ciuffreda lives with his wife, Sandra, and two daughters in Woodbridge, NJ, but works at the SUNY College of Optometry. After graduating from MCO, he earned a Ph.D. in physiological optics from the University of California at Berkeley. His current research is in amblyopia and strabismus and in eye movements. Ken recently edited a book on vergence eye movements that should be in print sometime this year. When not working, he can be found playing the guitar or enjoying his collection of jazz records. One of his special memories of MCO is having the late Marshall Mark as an instructor in second year classes.

* * *

Mark Goldberg maintains a solo private practice in Coral Springs, FL, specializing in children's vision. He is a fellow of the College of Optometry in Vision Development and was chosen as the Broward County "Optometrist of the Year" in 1977. When not spending time with his wife, Susan, and his small daughter, Stefanie, Mark enjoys playing racquetball. His other major interest is wine, which he enjoys drinking, collecting, and teaching about, in a Wine Appreciation course offered by Broward Community College. He has fond memories of his classmates and the time shared together at MCO. Mark asks that his classmates give him a call when traveling in Florida.

* * *

Barry Michael Gootson has had his own practice, specializing in contact lenses, since January of 1974. The practice, as well as the home he shares with his wife, Betty, and their two children, Darcy

and Matthew, is located in Seminole, FL. Barry spends his leisure on the tennis and racquetball courts.

* * *

Richard Grossman runs a general practice specializing in contact lenses in Worcester, MA, while living in Paxton with his wife, Teddy. He has two children: Todd and Randy. One vivid memory he has of the College is Dr. Freddie Bleck walking out of the class he taught with this son Wally because Richard was reading a newspaper. He asks his classmates, "Could someone get a weather report from Selvin?"

* * *

John Herman, a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and a Contact Lens Diplomate, specializes in contact lenses in his Pittsfield, MA practice. He is active in the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists, serving as chairman of the Berkeley District and a past contact lens committee member and chairperson. He also works as a consultant to Syntex Ophthalmics. John's leisure time is well-filled, with skiing, running, organic gardening, camping, photography, fishing, and other family activities that he shares with his wife Carol and their four children, ages 6-10. Of MCO, he remembers the competence and friendliness of Professor Bob McNulty, now deceased, and the many lifelong friends he and Carol made during his years at the College.

* * *

John Maurillo has two practices: the first, in Auburn, NY, is stable, and the second, in Skaneateles, NY, is new and growing. He is a past president of the Finger Lakes Optometric Association of the New York State Optometric Association. He puts his free time to good use, with water and snow skiing, golf, wood-working, and home repair heading the list of his favorite pastimes. His memories of MCO include fellowship, the balconies overlooking Beacon Street, and Boston. To his classmates, John says, "That which makes it worthwhile is that satisfaction in helping a patient. Keep up the good fight."

* * *

Paul Seidel and **Nelun Pedris**, '75, who were married in 1976, returned to their home in Pasadena, CA last summer, after a successful practice-teaching sabbatical in Sri Lanka and India. As a transfer student to MCO, Paul fondly remembers the open atmosphere. He also notes that the special emphasis placed on clinical skills at MCO has been the frame-

work for advanced work the past six years since graduation. Paul and Nelun send their special thanks for the support of the students at the College and their wishes for continued health and happiness to all.

* * *

Albert Sherburne's practice in Lexington, a partnership with Melvin Zolot, '52, emphasizes functional/developmental optometry, vision training, and contact lenses. He is also a captain in the Massachusetts Air National Guard, serving as optometry officer at the Otis Air National Guard Base. Albert is active in the Lions Club and church activities, and he is kept very busy with his family—wife, Barbara, and daughters, Melissa, Carole, and Megan.

* * *

Herb Shuer lives with his wife, Bonnie, and his two small children in Needham, MA, while making Brookline his business address. He is in his fourth year of association with ophthalmologists Albert Sloane, M.D., Joel Kraut, M.D., and Elliot Finkelstein, M.D., specializing in contact lenses and low vision. Herb fills his leisure hours with swimming, camping, playing bridge, and reading.

* * *



Michael Wellington, Class of '73

Michael Wellington lives with his wife, Gail, and their two children in Adams, MA. He has a solo practice, "doing O.K.," in the same town. Mike took a post-graduate course on "Vision—The School Age Child" at Gesell Institute. As for his free time, Mike took up running about five years ago and ran his first marathon in the Fall of 1981. Of his years at the College, he remembers long hair and beards, the "Bear," peace rallies, parties, National Boards, and good friends. Any of his classmates who are out of his way are welcome to give Mike a call.

Remember Your O.D. Thesis?

Up until around 1971 the College required theses of its graduates. In going through some old library materials that had been packed away since the College moved to Beacon Street, a large collection of these O.D. theses were discovered.

In many cases, the find included duplicate copies. If your name is listed below and you would like a copy of your work, send a note to the NEWENCO library with your current address. Please note, however, that some of these have two authors. Since there is only one extra copy, a conflict may result if your joint author also requests a manuscript. Where this occurs, both authors will receive a letter asking for further instructions.

Abraham, Joel E.	Clark, Thomas H.
Appleton, Daniel R.	DeCesare, Paul A.
Arruda, Kenneth J.	Dobalian, Vaughn
Baboian, Jacob C.	Dong, Han
Battaglia, Anthony D.	Doughty, Carl
Bickford, Joseph J.F.	Duckman, Robert
Birnbaum, Joseph Eli	Eaton, Gregory
Bourne, Ira	Edens, Anne K.
Brennan, Robert E.	Edmonds, Theodore C.
Carpenter, Willard C.	Ehrlich, Milton

Eisner, Jack
Fantazian, James H.
Finnemore, V.
Freed, Albert
Friedhoffer, Arnold
Friedman, Barry
Gallo, Victor R.
Gaudette, Roland E.
Gold, Robert M.
Goldstone, Jack D.
Gollinger, Murray
Gordon, Ted

Greene, Harold
Grossman, Alan
Gruning, Carl F.
Hall, Ronald J.
Haniford, Sidney S.
Helfman, David
Herrle, Jack
Holtzman, Edward
Honnors, Robert H.
Ihrig, Norman
Immerman, A.S.
Jebrook, Larry
Jeremiah, Donald L.
Kaplan, Martin
Kaplan, Morton
Kester, Paul N.
Kliabanoff, Allen L.

Laks, H.S.
Leifer, Seymour
Lewis, Alan L.
Limoncelli, Anthony
MacKenzie, John
Marantz, Joel L.
Marcus, Joel
Marmarosh, Joseph
Marshall, Henry S.
Mastorocco, V. Peter
McCarty, Michael J.
McGraw, Richard B.
Melere, Gerald
Menard, Norman
Meyers, Herbert
Miller, S.D.
Miller, Thomas J.
Mullen, Charles F.
Page, Louis Charles
Palosky, Lewis
Pass, Harry S.
Phaneuf, Ralph H.
Piecowicz, T.J.
Polizzi, Sabastian
Price, Gordon
Reis, A. King
Robinson, H. W. III
Rohrer, Drew F., Sr.
Rosen, Jay

Roy, Alfred
Roth, Kenneth S.
Seaman, Richard F.
Selbert, I.G.
Sheinkopf, David J.
Steinberg, Zane Robert
Strauss, R.J.
Tamburri, Albert N.
Tartell, M.M.
Thaw, Edwin C.
Tier, Arthur S.
Topol, Bruce
Toscano, John P.
Traeger, Samuel L.
Twarowski, Chester J.
Utrecht, E.
Vogel, Arnold
Volovick, Jon B.
Warren, Manford
Wexler, Gerald
Wirth, Henry John III
Wittenberg, Sidney
Woll, Frederick E.
Zglobicki, Louis J.



THE EYEDROP BILL Will Mass. Legislature Pass H. 1060?

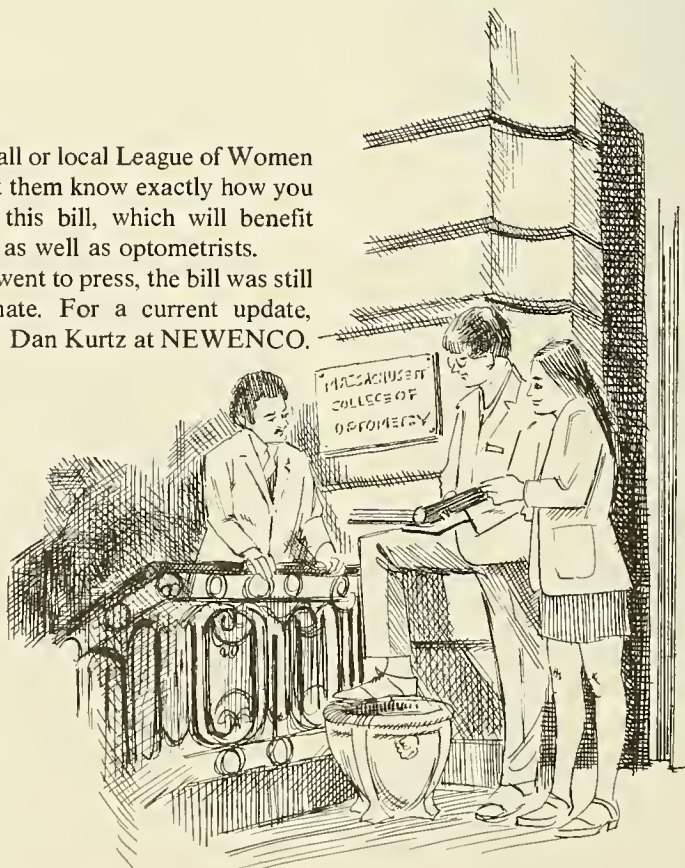
House Bill 1060, currently under consideration by the state legislature of Massachusetts, is of vital importance to optometrists and optometric students. This bill would expand the authority of optometrists to use diagnostic eyedrops to assess the visual status of patients. This type of law has already been passed in 41 states and NEWENCO has been involved in lobbying efforts, along with the MSO, to have it passed this year in Massachusetts.

The bill has been favorably reported out of the Joint Committee on Health Care and has been sent to the Senate for consideration. If it passes both the Senate and the House, it will be sent to Governor Dukakis for his signature.

Your state legislators need to hear about your concern for this bill, and they are affected by your letters and phone calls. Write and/or phone your state rep and state senator (you can obtain their names and phone numbers by calling

your city hall or local League of Women Voters); let them know exactly how you feel about this bill, which will benefit consumers as well as optometrists.

As we went to press, the bill was still in the Senate. For a current update, contact Dr. Dan Kurtz at NEWENCO.



continued from page 10

During the administration of Governor Foster Furcolo, Dr. O'Leary was instrumental in the design and implementation of the Massachusetts community college system. In the mid-60's, he represented the State College presidents on the Willis-Harrington Commission, which resulted in the creation of the state's first Board of Higher Education and gave public higher education fiscal autonomy for the first time in history.

From 1950 until 1975, as president of Lowell State College, Dr. O'Leary directed its growth from Lowell State Teachers College, a single-purpose unaccredited college with 300 students to the present institution with eight accredited colleges and some 15,000 day and night students.

Dr. O'Leary had served on the NEWENCO Board of Trustees since 1977, where his expertise proved valuable on many occasions. He was a member of the Board's executive committee at the time of his death. He will be very much missed as a dedicated and active member of the Board.

Dr. O'Leary leaves his wife of 44 years, Marguerite (Moriarty) of Lowell, six children, nine grandchildren, and many devoted friends and colleagues.

continued from page 3

Burke, Senate Chairman, also visited the exhibits.

Organizers Randy Goodman, Cathy Hines, Kathy Miller and Bill Watts of the MSO were chiefly responsible for the flawless proceedings of the day, but thanks are also due the many students, staff and faculty who worked to make the day a success.

Dr. Kurtz, NEWENCO's liaison with the MSO for the lobbying effort, stresses that "Optometry Day" was only the beginning and that now is the time for the real work of lobbying to begin.

**Support
Your Alumni
Assoc.**

continued from page 8

panded to an impressive 23.3% of all alumni, as compared with a national average of 16% for similar-type graduate institutions.

Continued inspiring leadership, by people who are generous with their time and goodwill, accounts for much of the success of the Annual Fund. Following in the tradition of such men as Drs. Hyman Kamens, Costos Poulos, and Les Bradley, is this year's national chairman, Dr. Alfred Rosati of Warwick, R.I. Dr. Rosati, together with the skillful direction of newly-appointed Vice President for Institutional Advancement Sally McLellan, is coordinating the various aspects of the Annual Fund, including the mail campaign which reaches each and every one of NEWENCO's constituents—all alumni and alumnae, as well as Board members, parents and friends of the College. All of these efforts serve not only the purpose of fund raising, but also of raising the visibility, reputation and prestige of the College. By working together as a unit over the years, those who have given selflessly of their time and resources have succeeded in garnering over \$660,000 for the College's Development Fund.

continued from page 2

awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Ocular Science and also delivered the commencement address. He characterized optometry as "a dynamic, expanding profession" and chronicled its history and scientific development over the past two decades. He cautioned each graduate not to "prostitute yourself to a mass merchandiser," and reminded everyone that "it's exciting to be an O.D. in 1984."

Kevin King, the valedictorian, nearly lost his mortarboard on the way up to the stage, and explained, "being a real man, I wouldn't let my sister stick a bobby pin in my hair." He gave a wry, laconic speech, reminiscing about various professors and about classmates who always sat in the back of the room. King elicited a standing ovation as he ended with the customary admonition of the late sergeant on "Hill Street Blues"—"Let's be *extra* careful out there."

Sporting new hoods and new diplomas, the happy graduates marched out to celebrate with families and friends, trying to get used to responding to their brand new title of "Doctor".

continued from page 5

As a pioneer working mother in the years before it became commonplace, Sally resumed her full-time career in the mid-sixties. In 1970 she began working for the Carroll Center for the Blind in Newton, where she eventually headed up the Development program, managing major gifts, public relations and direct mail programs. Eleven years ago, she was recruited to become the Assistant to the Vice President at NEWENCO and was promoted to Director of Development in 1978.

Sally keeps active physically with skiing, and as an enthusiastic fan of local high school and college hockey, soccer and lacrosse teams. She is blessed with a warm, supportive family situation. Hers is the fifth generation of the family to live in the same house in Newton, along with a huge German Shepherd dog named Titus, who is eleven years old. She and her sister Betty are married to brothers, and the sisters and their children have combined their musical talents to form a family singing group which performs at guitar Masses and often entertains locally for hospitals and nursing homes.

Throughout her eighteen years of fund raising experience, Sally's motto has been, "Hard work is never easy." The College has indeed been enriched by her boundless energy and management skills, and we look forward to her tenure as Vice President.

**Don't
Forget
Your
Alumni
Dues!**

The New England College of Optometry
424 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02115

Address Correction Requested

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No.
59603
Boston, Ma.